

**Lesson 1**  
**Census 2000**  
**The State of the States Worksheet**

The 2000 Census revealed some important facts and trends. No state lost population. (The District of Columbia lost population, but is not considered a state.) The U.S. population has been shifting to the west and south since the early 1800's. This trend also continued between 1990 and 2000. To learn more about how the United States changed during the last decade, answer the following questions using [Table T1](#), "Resident Population of the United States."

1a. Name the five states that increased by the largest percentages (grew the fastest) between 1990 and 2000. Rank them in order (1 = state with largest percent change) and give the percentage by which they grew.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

1b. Looking at the map of the United States, what do you notice about these states in terms of their location? \_\_\_\_\_

2a. Name the five states that added the greatest number of people during the 1990's. Rank them in order (1 = state with largest numeric change) and give the number of people added.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

2b. Looking at the map of the United States, what do you notice about these states in terms of their location? \_\_\_\_\_

3a. Name the five states that increased by the smallest percentages (grew the least) between 1990 and 2000. Rank them in order (1 = state with smallest percent change) and give the percentages by which they grew.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

3b. Looking at the map of the United States, what do you notice about these states in terms of their location? \_\_\_\_\_

4a. Name the five most populous states in 2000 and 1990. Rank them in order (1 = state with largest population).

	2000	1990
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

4b. How did the ranking of the states change between 2000 and 1990? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5a. Name the five least populous states in 2000 and 1990. Rank them in order (1 = state with smallest population).

	2000	1990
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

5b. How did the ranking of the states change between 2000 and 1990? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Based on the information gathered above, which region\* (see regions listed below) do you think increased by the largest percentage between 1990 and 2000? Include facts to support your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Based on the information gathered above, which region\* (see regions listed below) do you think increased by the largest numeric value between 1990 and 2000? Include facts to support your answer.

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**\*Census Bureau Regions**

- Northeast** CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
- South** AL, AR, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV
- Midwest** IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
- West** AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY